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LETTER DATED 9 JANUARY 1992 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I.
OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF GERMANY TO THE UNITED NATIONS
ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

From 8 till 10 January 1992, the Committee of Senior Officials of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe meets at Prague for its fifth extraordinary session on the question of Yugoslavia.

On behalf of the German chairmanship of that Committee, I have the honour to enclose the text of a Declaration adopted on 8 January and to request that you circulate it as a document of the Security Council in accordance with resolution 713 (1991) of 25 September 1991.

(Signed) Hans-Joachim VERGAU
Ambassador
Chargé d'affaires, a.i.

Annex

Declaration on Yugoslavia adopted on 8 January 1992

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The Committee of Senior Officials of the CSCE,

1. Profoundly distressed over the dramatic events that occurred in Yugoslavia as a result of the inadmissible use of totally unwarranted force, particularly that which yesterday caused the death of five members of the Monitoring Mission,
2. Condemns in the strongest possible terms those responsible for shooting down an unarmed helicopter of the Monitoring Mission, requests an immediate and exhaustive evaluation of responsibility and expects those responsible to be held accountable for these and other equally unacceptable acts,
3. Strongly urges all parties in Yugoslavia, without exception, to fully cooperate with the efforts which have been ordered and are already under way aiming at a thorough investigation of this tragic occurrence,
4. Reaffirms its support and solidarity towards the members of the Monitoring Mission, whose actions and courage deserve to be praised,
5. Urges all parties to take the necessary steps to ensure the safety of the Monitoring Mission and of personnel sent by the United Nations.

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6. Reiterating its firm commitment to seek a peaceful and lasting settlement of the crisis in Yugoslavia, in accordance with the principles and commitments of the CSCE,
7. Condemns in particular any use of major weapon systems in this conflict,
8. Strongly supports resolution 724, adopted by the Security Council of the United Nations on 15 December 1991,
9. Takes note of the statement of the representative of the European Community and its member States referring to their Declaration of 16 December 1991,
10. Welcomes the Accord reached in Sarajevo on 2 January 1992 under the auspices of the special representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. Cyrus Vance, establishing modalities for the implementation of the cease-fire agreement of 23 November 1991, and underlines the importance of a strict compliance by all parties, of the dispositions of the above-mentioned Agreements,

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11. Urges the Security Council of the United Nations to take a decision on an early deployment of United Nations peace-keeping forces in Yugoslavia insisting that all parties concerned effectively implement all relevant conditions therefor,
12. Welcomes the decision taken by the Chairman of the Conference on Yugoslavia, Lord Carrington, to reconvene the Conference, which remains the appropriate forum for reaching a durable and comprehensive settlement of the crisis,
13. Warns against any extension of the present conflict and calls upon all parties to adopt a constructive participation in the Conference,
14. Recalls in this context its repeated affirmation to reject the use of force to change established borders, whether internal or external,
15. Decides to keep the situation in Yugoslavia under close consideration.
